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In re Application of:

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Providing Protection of Data Reproduction

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the first paragraph on page 1 of the above-captioned application to read as follows:

A¹ "This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/469,499 filed December 22, 1999, which is a division of application Serial No. 08/940,941 filed September 20, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,212,329, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/391,861 filed February 22, 1995, abandoned."

REMARKS

This amendment is made to correct the domestic priority data on page 1 of the application. Entry is respectfully requested.